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Of the most Triumphant, and Royal Accomplishment of the Baptism of the most Excellent, Right High, and Mighty Prince, Harry Frederick, By the Grace of GOD, Prince of Scotland, and now Prince of Wales.

As it was Solemnized the 30: day of August, 1594.

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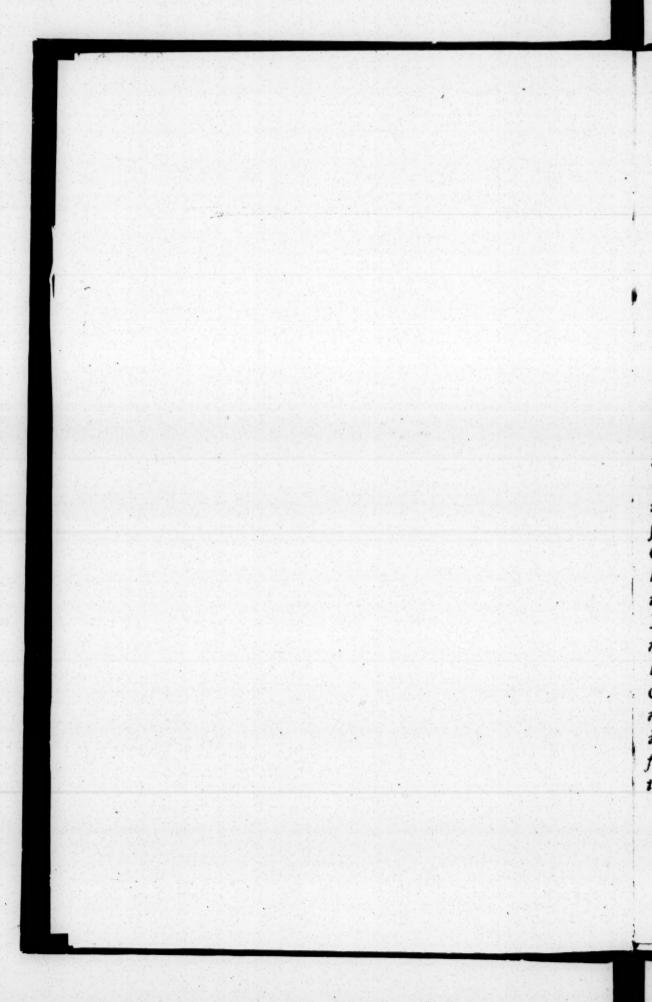


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The BOOK-SELLER to the READER.

HIS litle Piece having casually fallen in my hands. formerly Printed at London, in the year 1603: which contains a succinct account of the Solemnity of the Birth and Eaptism of a Royal Prince of this Kingdom, a Prince so much lamented upon his Deceass, in the flower of his Age; that when the Women in SCOTLAND, even unto this day, do lament the death of their dearest Children to comfort them, it is ordinarly said, and is past in a proverb, Did not good Prince Henry die ? In which, the genius Wit, Learning, and Delicacy of the SCOTS Court, at so great a distance of Time is Epitomized: And if any doubt the matter of Fact related, they may be fully convinced by several Pieces of the Workmanship used upon that signal Occasion, And particularly, the Ship yet exstant, which I bave lately feen in the apartment next to the great Hall. in the Castle of Stirling, where that Triumphant and Royal intertainment was kept ; A greater and more magnificent upon such an occasion is not recorded, to have been performed by any Court at that time, in Christendom. And left such a Picce of Curiofity and Antiquity, now long out of Print might be left , I thought it not improper to revive it by this new Impression, for the Satisfaction and Diversion of those that love the Antiquities of this Kingdom.

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HE Noble and most potent Prince of Scotland was born in the Castle of Striuiling, vpon Tuckday, the 19 day of February 1594. vpon which occasion the Kings Majestie, sent for the Nobles of his Land, and to all the capitall Purrows

thereof, to have their aduite, how I ethould proceed for the dve solemnization of his Keyal Baptisme, and what Princes he should lend too: When they were all compeired with great diligence and goodwill, he proponed vnt; them, that it was necessary, to direct out Ambaila dours to France, Finland, Denmarke, Low Countries, the Duke of Brunswicke his brother in law, and to the Duke of Magdelburgh, the Queenes Majesties Grand-sather, and to such other Princes as should be thought expedient. Likewise, he thought the Castle of Striwiling, the most convenient place for the residence of this most Noble and Mightie Prince, in respect that he was born there:

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there: As also, it was necessary, that sufficient preparation might be made for the Ambassadours that should be invited to come, for honour of the Crown and Countrey. And besides all this, because the Chappell Royall was ruinous, and too little, concluded, that the old Chappel should be utterly rased, and a new creeted in the same place, that should be more large, long and glorious, to entertain the great number of itraungers expected. These propositions at length confidered, they all with a free voluntarie deliberation, graunted vnto his Majestie, the fumme of an hundred thousand pounds money of Scotland. Then was there Ambassadors elected, to pass in France, England, Denmarke, the Lowe-Countries, and other places before mentioned, who were all dispatched with such expedition, and their Legacies took such wished effect: That first there came two famous men from the King of Denmarke, the one Christianus Bernekow. the other, Stenio Bille, these came to Leyth the 16. of July. The next day after them, came Adamus Crusius, Ambassadour for the Duke of Erunswick, and Joachimus Besseuitius, Ambassadour for the Duke of Magdelburgh, who is Grand father to the noble Princesse Anne, by the grace of God Queene of Scotland. Thirdly, the 3. day of August, there-came Ambassadors from the States of Holland and Zeland, the Barron of Braderod, and the Treasurer of Zeland, called Facobus Falkius.

There was also a Noble man directed from Fngland, to wit, the Earle of Cumberland, who

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even when he had prepared himself richly, and honourably in all respects for his voyage to come into Scotland, and divers Noble-men and Gentlemen of renown, prepared and commanded for his honourable conuoy, it pleased God to wisit him with fickness: And in that respect an other Noble man was chosen to supply his place, which was the Earle of Suffex, &c. And he in confideration of his short and unexpected advertisement, made such diligence in his voyage, and magnificence for his own person and honourable conuoy, as was thought rare and rich by all men: whereby it fell out, that betwixt the fickness of the one Noble man, and the hastic preparation of the other, the time was so farre spent, that the very prefixt dayes of the Baptisme were sundrie times delayed. And because the Ambassadour of England was so long a comming: And the Ambassadours of Denmarke, Brunswicke and Magdelburgh, were feared to be hindred in their yoyage by the Sea, by reason of the neare approaching of Winter: They defired daily of the Kings Maiestie, dureing their remaining in Edenburgh, to have some prefixed day to be nominate and certainly kept, that immediatly thereafter, they might be dispatched, which he granted at the last, although he had divers great impediments to the contrary. The first was, because the Chappell Royall and Castle of Striviling, was not fully compleit in all fuch necessaries, as was requifite, although he had the supply of the greatest number of Artificers in the whole country, convened there of all craftes for that service, and

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and his Maiesties owne person dayly ouerseer. with large and liberall payment: but the chiefest caule, was the long ablence of an Ambassadour from England, which his Maiestie greatly respected for many causes: And last of all, expecting that some Ambassadour should have come from France, which fell not out as was looked for. But when the Amhassadour was come from England to Edenburgh, tootthwith, his Maiestie dispatched one of the Gentlemen of his highnes Chalmer, to request him to repaire towards Striniling the next day with all possible diligence, (which was was the 28. day of August) because he would have had the Baptisme administred the day following. But neither were the Propues fint by the Queen of Fingland, neither her Ambaliadours owne cariages as then come: Therefore the Baptisme was delayed vntill the 30. day of August, as ye shall hear particularly hereafter.

But in the meane time, it is to be understood, that all these poble Ambassadours before expressed, were honourably sustained upon the Kings Maiestics owne proper costs, during the whole time of their residence in Scotland, saue only the Ambassadour of England, whose whole expenses, were destrayed by his Soveraigne the Queen of England. And because the rest of the Ambassadours were repaired to Striniling by his Majestics direction, long before the coming of the English Ambassadour, His Highness bestowed the time with them in magnisque banketting, revelling, and dayly hunting with great honour.

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The Kings Maiestie, purposing further to decore by magnificence this action, committed the charge thereof to the Lord of Lendores, and M. William Fowler, who by their trauels, dili gence, and invention, brought it to that perfection, which the shortuesse or time and other considetations could permit. So they having confulted together, concluded that those exercises that were to be vied for decoration of that folemnitie, were to be deuided both in Field pastimes, with Martiall and heroicall exports, and in household, with rare shewes and singular inucations.

The Field to be uled at two fenerall daies: the first to be of three Turkes, three Christian knights of Malia, three Amazones, and three Moores. But by reason of the absence, or at the least, the uncertain presence of the three last Gentlemen, who should have sustained these per_ sonages, it was thought good, that the number of that maske should consist of nine Actors, nine Pages, and nine Lackies, which comming from fundry parts and at diu rs times, together with the diversitie of their apparel, should bring fome noveltie to the beholders.

The place most expedient for this action, was the Valey, neare the Castle, which being prepared for that purpose, both with Carier and Scaffold, after the comming of the Queenes Majestie, with her honourable and gallant Ladies, together with the honorable Ambassadors, the field being beset by the brane Yonkers of Edinburgh, with their hagbutes, during the whole

time of that pastime.

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Then three Christians entered the field with found of Trumpet, who were the Kings Maicstie, the Earle of Mar, and Thomas Erskine, (Gentleman of his Maicsties Chalmer) who made up this number.

A little after followed, three apparelled lyke Turkes, very gorgeously attired: and these were the Duke of Lennox, the Lord Home, and

Syr Robert Ker of Cesfurde Knight.

Last of all, came in three Amazones in womensattire, very sumptuously clad, and these were the Lord of Lendores, the Lord of Barclemeh, and the Abbot of Holy roote house. So all these persons being present, and at their entric, making their reverence to the Queenes Maiestie, Ambassadours and Ladies, having their Pages ryding upon their led Horse, and on their lest armes, bearing their maisters Imprese or deuice.

The Kings Maiesties, was a Lyons head with open eyes, which signifieth after a missique and Hierogliphique sence, Fortitude and Vigilancie: the words were, Timeat & primus & vitimus orbis. The second was a Dogs collar, all beset with yron pikes, the wordes were these, Offendit, & defendit. The third of that Christian army, was a Windmil, with her spokes unmoving, windes unblowing on every side, with these words, Ni sperat immota.

The second faction-did carie these: A Hart half in fire, and half in frost: on the one part Cupids torch, and on the other, Iupiters thundet, with these words Hine amor, inde metus. The other

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Page a Zodiacke, and in the same, the Moone farre opposit to the Sunne, with these wordes: Quo remotior, lucidior. That is to say, the farther, the fairer. The third of this partie, caried painted, foure coach wheeles, the hindmost following the formest, and yet never overtaking them, with these words, Quo magis insequer.

The last three Pages, bare in their Targets, these impresses sollowing, A Crown, an Eye, and a Portcullis: the Crown betckening the power of God, the Eye his Providence, and the Portcullishis protection, with these words, which were composed in Anagrame, of Walterns Scotus, the Laird of Bacleughs name, Clausus tutus ero. The second Page of this party, carried on his targe, the Portraiture of an hand, holding an Eill by the tail, alluding to the uncertainty of persons, or of times, with these words, Vt frustra, sie patienter. The last was this, a fire in sight of the Sun, burning, and not perceived, with this sentence, Oblector lumine victus.

And euery Lackie, carying in his hand, his Maisters Launce. They began their pastime by running at the Ring and Gloue: the Lawes

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r First, that all the persons of this pastime compeare masked, and in such order as they come into the Field, so to run out all their courses.

2 Secondly, that none vie any other ring, but that which is put vp: and use no other Launce, but that which they have brought for themselves.

3 Thirdly, he that twice touches the ring, or stirres it, winneth as much if he caried away the

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Ring. 4 Fourthly, he that lets his Launce fall out of his hand, is depriued of all the rest of his courles. 5 Fiftly, that enery one run with loose rains, and with as much speed, as his Horse hath. 6 Sixtly, that none after his race, in vptaking of his Horse, lav his Launce upon his shoulder, under the pain of losse of that which he hath done in his course. 7 Seventhly, he that carrieth not his Launce under his arme, loseth his course. 8 Eightly, that none until his three Courses be ended, chaunge his Horse, if he be not hurt, or vpon some other consideration moved to change him. These Lawes being feen and approved by the Actors, the Queenes Majestie, signified vnto them, that he who did run best, should have for his rewarde, a faire and a rich Ring of Diamonds: and he also, who on that same side, had best fortune in running, he should be acknowledged with an other as fair as the first, The proof hereof, being made, the victorie fell to the Luke of Lennox, who bringing it to his side and partie, had the praise and prile adjudged to himself. Thus the first dayes pastime was ended, with great contentment to the beholders, and commendation of the persons enterprisers.

The second dayes pastime was extended, by reason, that the Artisans were imploved in other businesse, who should have sollowed forth that invention given them: And seeing the grace of that exercise, consisted in Embosserie, and the crastes men apt for the same, otherwise and necessarily busied, it was left os: Which, if it had

been brought to effect, this Countrey had not seen, nor practised a more rarer: for what by the brauery and strange apparell of the persons themselves, and by the divers shapes of the Beasts that should have bene born and brought there in fight, had been commendable and wonderfull: by reason that such beastes, as Lyon, Elephant, Hart, Vnicorne, and the Griphon, together with the Camel, Hydre, Crocadile, and Dragon, (carrying their riders) had carried also with it by the newnes of that invention, great contentment and commendation of that exercise. But I fay, tome arising lets impeshed this inuention: and all things were cast off, that might have farther decored this folemnity, through other vrgent occasions.

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And when all the Ambassadours were conuened together, and all necessary materials readie, the Chappel Royal of the Cassle of Striuiling was richly hung, with costly Tapestries: And at the North-east end of the same, a royall seat of Estate prepared for the Kings Maiestie: And on his right hand, was set a taire wide Chaire, with the due ornaments pertaining thereto, ouer which,

was let the Armes of the King of France.

Next therevuto, was a princely trauers of Crimfon Taffeta, for the Ambassadour of England: and ouer his head, the Armes of England: on the desk before him, lay a Cushon of red veluot: There stood attending on him, two Gentlemen Vsheis, appointed by the Queene of England for that present service.

Next unto him, fat M. Robert Bower, Ambaf-

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iadour ordinary for the Queene of England: On the desk before him, was laid a cloth of purple veluote, and a Cushion sutable therevnto.

Than sat the Ambassadour of the noble Prince, Henricus Iulius, Duke of Brunswick, and before him on the desk, was laid a cloth of green veluete, with a cushen of the same: and ouer his

head, the Arms of his Prince.

Next unto him, sate the Ambassadours of the Lowe Countries, with a long sair cloth, spred on the desk before them of blewe veluet, and two Cushions surable therevnto, and ouer their heads the Arms of their Countries.

On the Kings left hand, was placed nearest his Maiestie, the two Ambasladours of Denmark, with a large broad cloth spred on the desk before them of purple veluer, and the Arms of Denmark

ouer their heads.

Next vnto them, sate the Ambassadour of the noble Prince Vdalricus, Duke of Magdelburgh,

with his Princes Arms ouer his head.

In the middest of the Chappell Royall within the partition, where the Kings Maiestie, the Ambassadours, and Prince with his conuoy were placed, there was a new Pulpit erected: The same was richly hung with cloth of gold: All the panement within this partition, was Prince-like laid with fine tapestry.

Vnder the Pulpit was another deske, wherein fate in the midst, M. David Cuninghame, Bishop of Abirdene, M. David Lindesay, Minister of Leyth, and John Duncanson, one of the ordinary Ministers to the Kings Maiestie: Before whome was

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fet a table, couered with yealow uelvet.

And when all things were in readines, as was requisite, There was placed a hundred Hagbutters (being onely the yonkers of Edinburgh, brauely apparelled) in order, betwixt the Princes vtter chalmer doore, and the entry to the Chappell Royall, on both the sides of the passage.

Then the Kings Maiestie, with his Nobles and Counsellers attending on him, entred the Chappel, and there sat downe in his Royall seate

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as er All the Ambassadours likewise were sent for, and convoyed to the Princes chalmer of presence, where the Prince was lying on his bed of Estate, richly decored, and wrought with brodered worke, containing the story of Hercules and his trauels.

This bed was erected on a platforme, very artificially, with a foote pace of three degrees afcending to it: The degrees being couered with Tapestrie, all wrought with golde, and a large cloth of Lawne, couering both the bed and the degrees, which reached forth a great space over the flore.

Then the old Countesse of Mar, with reverence past to the bed, she tooke up the Prince, and delivered him to the duke of Lennox, who presently rendred him likewise to the Ambassador of England, to be borne to the Chappel Royall.

The Maister of the Ceromonies, addressing himself to a table in the said Chalmer, curiously ordered, whereon stood those ornaments of ho-

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nor which were to be born to the Chappell before the Prince, with due rencience delivered them to certaine noble men, according to the order appointed by his Maieltie for the bearing there. of.

In like manner, the Princes Robe.royall, being of purple Velvote, very richly fet with pearle, was delivered to the Duke of Lernox, who put the same about the Prince: the traine whereof, was born vp by the Lord Sinclair, and the Lord Vrgubuart. Then they removed themselues to the vtter chalmer, where, there was a fair high Pale made fouresquare, of Crimion Veluote attending which was laid on with rich palments, and fringed with gold. I his Pale was sustained by four Worshipful Barons; The Laird of Barleugh, the Constable of Dundee, Sir Robert Ker of Cesfurd Knight, and the Laird of Tragubair. Vnder the which Pale were the Embafsadours of England, Robert Earl of Suffex, carrying the Prince in his Armes, and M. Robert Bowes, ordinary Ambassador for England, assisting him. Next to them, was the Duke of Lennox. About the Pale, were the Ambassadours of Denmark, Magdelburgh, Brunswick, and the Estates. followed the old Countesse of Mar, Mistris Bomes, diverse Ladies of Honour, with the Mistresse Nurle

Then the Trumpets founding melodiously before the Prince and his Conuoy, went forward: Lyon King of Armes, and the Heraulds his brethren with their coat armours, in goodly order following.

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Next followed the Princes Honors, borne by these Noble men: The Lord Sempill carrying a Lauar of water; The Lorde Seton, a sair Basen: The Lorde Leningston a Towel, and the Lorde Home a low Crowne competent for a Duke, richly set with Diamonds, Saphires, Rubies, and Emeraulds: who approaching neare the Pulpit, where these Honors were received from them, by the maister of the Ceremonies, and by him placed on the Table before the Pulpit: The Noblemen retyring backe to their appointed places.

Lastly, the Pale was carried in before the Pulpit, where the Ambassador of England rendered the Prince to the Duke of Lennox, who immediatly deliuered him to the old Countesse of Mar, and she consenquently to the Mistresse Nurse. And all the Ambassadors were then set, in such order of places, as the demonstration of their

Armories, gave notice.

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Without the partition, were ornate fourmes, all couered with greene, wherevpon were placed the Gentlemen of England, Denmarke, Almaine, Flanders and Scotland. And as all men were thus competently placed, and vniuerfall filence made, entered M. Patrik Galloway, one of his Majesties ordinary Preachers into the Pulpit, who learnedly and godly, entreated vpon the text of the 21-of Genesis. Which being done, the Bishop of Aberdene stood vp in his seate, and taught vpon the Sacrament of Baptisme, first in the vulgar tongue, and next in the Latine, to the end all Men might generally vnderstand. This done, the Prouost and Prebends of the Chappel Royall, did sing the

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the 21. Psalme of Dauid, according to the Art of Musique, to the great delectation of the noble

Auditory.

Then they proceeded to the Action. The King arose, and came towards the Pulpit. The Ambalfadours sollowed in their Order. The Barons that carried the Pale about the Prince, moved towards the Pulpit: The Duke of Lennox, received the Prince from the Countesse of Mar, and delivered him to the hands of the Earle of Sussex, Ambassadour for England: Where hee was named by all their consents, Frederike Henry, Henry Frederike, and soly Ghost, by the said Names.

This being done, Lyon King of Armes, with a loude voice, repeates these names thrise ouer: and then after him, the rest of his brethren Herauldes, with Trumpets sounding, confirmed the same.

Then the Kings Majellie, Ambasladours, and all remouing to their places: the English Ambasladour alone, withdrawing himself on the one side was mette and attended on, by two Groomes, who humbly on their knees, the one presenting a large rich Basen, the other a sutable Lauar, repleat with sweete water, wherewith the Ambassadour washed: a Gentleman Sewer, with humble rene ence, presenting him a saire Towell, wherewith he dried his hands, and so forthwith returned to his place.

This being done, the Bishop ascended to the Pulpitre, where, after that hee had deliuered in verse, a certaine praise and commendation of the Prince, then hee converted the rest of his Latine

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Oration, in prose to the Ambassadours, every one in particular, beginning at the Ambassadour of England, and so continuing with the rest: wherein he made mention of the Chronology of each of these Princes: and recited the proximitie, and nearenesse of bloud, that they had with Scotland. Concluding his Oration, with exhortation and thanksgiving to GOD for that good occasion, and prosperous Assembly.

Inconclusion, the blessing being given, Lyon King of Armes cryed with a loud voice, GOD save FREDERIK HEN I, and HENRY FREDERIK, by the Grace of GOD, Prince of Scotland. The rest of the Heraulds, proclaimed the same at an open window of the Chappell Royall, with

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Then the King, the Prince, the Ambassadors, the Nobles, and Ladies of Honor, retyred forth of the Chappel, in such order as they entered, and repaired towards the Kings Hall, During their passage, the Cannons of the Castle roared, that therwith the carth trembled, and other smaller show

made their harmonie after their kinde.

In the Kings Hall, the Duke of Lennow received the Prince from the Ambassador of England, and presented him to the Kings Maiestie, who addubbed him Knight. He was touched with the Spur by the Earl of Mar: Thereafter the Kings Maiestie presented a Ducall Crowne on his head, and then was proclaimed by Lyon King of Arms, The right Excellent, High, and Magnanime, FREDERIKHENRT, HENRY FREDRIKHENRT, HENRY FREDRIK, by the graze of God, Knight and Barron of Renfrey.

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Renfrew: Lord of the Yles, Earle of Carrike, Duke of Rosay, Prince and great Steward of Scotland.

These wordes were repeated by the Heraulds with a loud voice, at an open window of the Hall.

Then the Prince was carried by the Ambassadout of England, to his owne Chalmer of presence: where, the most rich, and rare propynes were there presented.

Also, there were certain Barons and Gentlemen addubbed Knights, whose names do follow in order as they were proclaimed. And first their

oath.

The Oath of a Knight.

I T Shall fortifie and defend the true Christian Religion, and Christs boly Euangel, now presently preached within this Realme, to the vttermost of my power.

2 Ishall be loyall and true to my soueraigne Lord the Kings Maicstie, to all orders of Chinalrie, and to the

noble office of Armes.

3 I shall fortifie and defend instice at my power, and

that without fauour or feed.

4 Ishall never flie from my Soueraigne Lord, the Kings Maiestie, nor from bis Highnesse Lieuetenants in time of mellay, and battell.

5 Ishall defend my native Realme, from all Allieners

and strangers.

6 I shall defend the just action and quarrel all of Ladies of Honor, of all true and friendles widowes, of Orphants, and of Maidens of good fame.

7 Ishall do diligence, whersoever I beare there is any Martherers, Traytors and maisterfull Reavers, that op_

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presset the Kings Lieges, and poore people, to bring them

to the Lawe at my power.

8 I shall maintain and uphold the noble estate of Chivalrie, with Horse, Harnishe, and other Knightly abillements: And shall helpe and succour them of the same order at my power, if they have neede.

9 I shall enquire and seeke to have the knowledge and understanding of all the Articles and points con-

tained in the bock of Chinalry.

All these premisses to observe, keep, and sulfil: I oblesse me, so help me my God, by my owne hand, jo help me God, &c.

Sir William Stewart of Houstoun, Knight.

Sir Robert Bruce of Clackmannan, Knight.

Sir Iohn Boswell of Balmowtow, Knight.

Sir Iohn Murray of Salquhy, Knight.

Sir Iohn Murray of Ethilstoun, Knight.

Sir William Menteith of Kerse, Knight.

Sir Alexander Fraser of Fraserburgh, Knight.

Sir Iohn Lindesay of Dunrod, Knight.

Sir George Leuingston of Ogilface, Knight.

Sir Iames Forester of Torwood-head, Knight.

Sir Andrew Balfoure of Strathour, Knight.

Sir Walter Dundar of over Newlistoun, Knight.

Sir Iohn Boswel of Glasemont, Knight.

Sir George Elphingstoun of Blythwood. Knight.

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Sir William Leuingston of Darnechester, Knight.
Sir Dauid Meldrum of New hall, Knight.
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These things being accomplished, the King and Queenes Maiesties, with the Ambassadours addressed themselves to the banket in the great Hall, about eight of the clock at night. Then came Lyon King of Arms, with his brethren the Herauldes, and entred the Hall before the King and Queens meate, the Trumpets sounding melodiously before them: with these Noble men, bearing office for the present.

The Earl of Mar, Great Maister houshold. The Lord Fleming, Great Maister-Vsher.

The Earl of Montroze, Caruer.

The Earl of Glencarne
The Farl of Orkenay, Sewer.

For the K. M.

The Lord Seton Caruer.
The Lord Hume Copper.
The Lord Sempill Sewer.

For the Queens M.

This delicate banquet beeing ordered with great abundance, the King. Queene, and Ambassadours, were placed all at one Table, being formed of three parts, after a Geometricall figure, in such fort, that every one might have a full

fight of the other.

The King and Queens Maiesties, were placed in the midst of the table, and on the kings right hand were set the English Ambassadours, the Earl of Suffex, and M. Robert Bowes, next them sat the Ambassadour from the Duke of Brunswick, and the Ambassadour from the Duke of Magdelburgh.

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On the Kings left hand, next to the Queenes Maiestie, sate the Ambassadour of Denmark, and Ambassadours from the States of Holland and Zeland: Betwixt every one of their seates, was

left a good space.

On the East and West side of the Hall, was placed two very long Tables, where were set certain Noble men, Ladies of honour, and Counsellers of Scotland, and with them, the Noble men and Gentlemen of England, Denmark, Almanie and Flanders. And betwixt every Noble Man, and Gentleman stranger, was placed a Lady of ho-

nour, or Gentle-woman.

Now, being thus in a very honourable and comely order set, and after a while, having well refreshed themselves with the first service, which was very sumptuous, there can e into the sight of them all, a Black Moore, drawing as it seemed to the beholders) a triumphall Chariot (and before it, the melodious noise of Trumpets and Howboyes) which Chariot entred the Hall, the motion of the whole frame (which was twelve foot long, and seven foot broad) was so artificial within it selfe, that it appeared to be drawne in, onely by the strength of a Moore, which was very richly attired, his traces were great chaines of pure gold.

Vpon this Chariot, was finely and artificially deuised, a sumptuous couered Table, decked with all sorts of exquisite delicates and dainties, of

patisserie, frutages, and confections.

About the table, were placed six gallant dames, who represented a silent Comedie, three of them clothed

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clothed in Argentine Saten, and three in Crimfon Saten: All these six garments, were enriched with Togue and Tinsal, of pure gold and filuer, euery one of them having a Crowne or Garland on their heads, very richly decked with Feathers, Pearles, and Iewels, vpon their loofe haire, in Antica forma.

In the first front stood dame Ceres, with a sickle in her right hand, and a handfull of Corne in the other, and upon the outmost part of her thigh, was written this sentence, Fundent vberes omnia Campi, which is to fay, the plenteous Fields shall

affoordall things.

Ouere against Ceres, stood Facunditie, with some bushes of Chesbolls, which under an hierogliphik sence, representeth broodines with this deuise, Falix prole divum, and on the other fide of her habite, Crescant in mille. The first importing that this country is bleffed by the Childe of the goddes, and the second, alluding to the King and Queenes Maiestics, that their generations may grow into thousands.

Next on the other fide, was placed Faith, hauing in her hands a Basen, and in the same two hands ioyned together, with this sentence . Boni alumna coningij, The fortresse & nurse of a blessed

marriage.

Over against Faith, flood Concorde, with a golden Tasse in her left hand, & the horne of aboundance in her right hand, with this sentence, Plene beant te numina Sinu. The heavenly powers do bleffe thee with a full bosome.

The next place was occupied by Liberalitie, who

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having in her right hand two Crownes; and in her left, two Scepters, with this deuise, Me comite plura quam dabis, accipies. That is to say, having me thy follower, thou shalt receive more than thou shalt give.

And the last was Perseuerance, hauing in her right hand a staffe, and on her lest shoulder an Anchor, with this deuise, Nec dubie res mutabunt, nee secunda, Neither doubtfull, nor more prospe-

rous things shall change your state.

This Chariot which should have been drawned in by a Lyon, (but because his presence might have brought some seare, to the nearest, or that the sight of the lights and torches might have commoued his tamenes) It was thought meete, that the Moore should supply that roome: And so, he in outwarde shewe, preased to draw that forward, which by a secret convoy, was brought to the Princes Table, and the whole desert, was delivered by Ceres, Faennditie, Faith, Concord, Liberalitie, and Perseverance, to the Earles, Lords, and Barons that were Sewers.

Presently after the returing of the Chariot, entered a most sumptuous, artificiall, and well proportioned ship, the length of her keele was 18. soot, and her bredth 8 soote: from her bottome to her highest slagge, was 40 soote: the Sea shee stood upon, was 24 soot long, with bredth convenient: her motion was so artificially deuised within here self, that none could perceive what brought her in. The Sea under her, was lively counterfeit, with all colours: on her foresterne was placed Neptunus, having in his hand his Tri-

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dent, and on his head a Crowne, his apparell was all of Indian clock of filuer and filke, which bare this inscription, Iunxi atque reduxi, which in sence importeth, that as hee ioyned them, so he reduced their Maiesties.

Then Thetin with her Mace, goddesse of the sea with this deuise, Nunquam abero & tutum semper te littore sistam, which signifieth, that by hir presence, shee alwaies shall be carefull to bring them into a

fafe shore and harborow.

Then Triton with his wilke Trumpet, was next to her with this deuise, Velis, votis, ventis, by Sailes,

by Vowes, by Windes.

Round about the ship, were all the Marine people, as Syrenes, (about the middle as women, and vnder as sisses;) and these were Parthenope, Ligea, and Leucosia, who accommodating their gestures to the voice of the Musitions, repeated this verse, Vnus eris nobis cantandus semper in orbe. And all the same was decored with the riches of the seas, as Pearles; Coralls, Shelles, and Mettals, verie rare and excellent.

The bulke of this ship was curiously painted, and her Galleries; wherevon stood the most part of the Banket in Christalline glasse; gilt with Gold and Azure. Her Mastes were redde; her takling and cordage, was silke of the same colour, with golden Pulleis. Her ordinance was 35. peeces of Brasse; brauely mounted; and her Anchors Siluer-gilte. And all her Sayles were double of white Tassata. And in her sore-sayle; a shippe Compasse; regarding the North starre; with this sentence; Quascunque per vadas. Which is to say,

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through whatsoeuer seas, or waves, the Kings Maiestic intende habis course, and project of any arrising action. Nemer as God of the sea, shall

be fauour ble to his pricee ings

On the main taile, was valued the Armories of Scotland and Denmark, with this deuice, competent in the person of the Prince of Scotland. Enque divisa bears efficient, collecta tenes. That is to say, Behold (O Prince) what doth make these kingdomes severally blessed, iointly (O Prince of hope) thou holdes, and hast together.

Her tops were a'l armed with Taffataes of his Maiesties Colours. Gold, and lew is: & all her

Flagges and streamers surable to the same.

Her Marriners were in number six, apparelled all in chaungeable Spanish Tastataes, and her Pilote in cloth of Gold, he alone stood at the helm, who only moued and governed the whole frame, both the ship and her burden, very artificially.

The musitions within the same, were 14. all apparelled in Taffataes of his Maiesties colours,

besides Arion with his Harpe.

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Being thus prepared, at the sounde of Trumpets, she approached, and at the next sounde of Tritons wilke Trumpet, together with the Massers whistle, she made sayle till shee came to the Table, discharging the Ordinance in her sterne by the way: But because this denise carried some morall meaning with it, it shall not be impertinent to this purpose, to discouer what is meant and propyned thereby.

The Kings Maiestie hauing vndertaken in such

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a desperate time, to saile to Norway, and like a new Iason, to bring his Queene our gracious Lady to this kingdome, being detained and stopped by the conspiraces of Witches, and such devilish Dragons, thought it very meet, to sollow forth this his own inucntion, that as Neptunus (speaking poetically, and by such sictions, as the like Interludes and actions are accustomed to be decorted withall) io ned the King to the Queene.

So after this Coniunction, hee brought their Maiesties as happily hither: and now at this her blesfed delivery, did bring such things as the Sea affoords, to decore this festival time with all: which immediatly were deliuered to the Sewers, forth of the Galleries of this Ship, out of Christaline glasse, very curiously painted with gold and Azure all forts of Fishes: as Hearings, Whitings, Flooks, Oysters, Buckies, Lampets, Partans, Lapstars, Crabs, Spout-fish, Clammes: with other infinite thing made of Suger, and most lively represented in their owne shape. And whilst the Ship was vnloading, Arion fitting upon the Galey Nose, which resembled the form of a Dolphine fish, played vpon his Harpe; Then begane her musick in greene holyne Howboyes in fine parts. After that, followed Viols with voices in plaine counterpoint, to the nature of these Hexameter Verses.

Vndique conueniant, quot Reges nomine Christi Gaudent, bucque suas maturent togere vires. Viribus hos, O Rex, opibusque anteiueris omnes Quisque suam iam posse velit tibi cedere sortem, Regna, viros, aurum, quæ te secere potentem.

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Omnia coniugij decorant bæc pignora chati:
A N N A precor fælix multos feliciter annos,
Viue, refume nouas, atque annuus anni
Lustar eat, redeatque; nouo tibi partus ab ortu.
Gresce Puer, sacri mens numinis imbibar imbres,
Semper vterque parens de te nova gaudia captet.
Scotia, quæ quondam multis tenebrosa vocata est
Lumina magna nitent in te superantia cælum,
Lux Verbi, & Rex, & Princeps diademata Regni.

After which, ensued a stil noise of Recoders and Fluts: and for the fourth, a general consort of the best Instruments.

So this Enterlude, drawing neare to an end; in the very last courses, was discourred this sentence likewise. Submissus adorat Occeanus, inserving, that the Occean Sca, by offering the shapes of her treasure humbly adored and honoured the sitters. And when in this time, all the banket was done, after thanks being given, there was sung with most delicate dulce voices, and sweet harmonie in 7. partes, the 128. Psalm, with 14. voyces. And that being done, at the sound of Tritons wilke Trumpet, and the Pilottes whistle she wayed Anchor, made saile, and with noise of Howboyes and Trumpets, retyred, and then discharged the rest of her ordinance, to the great admiration of the beholders.

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After all which pastime and sport, with mernie and joyfull repast, the King and Queenes Maiesties, after their offices of honour and respect, place being prepared for the Reuels, and the Persons appointed for the same, discharging

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themselves sufficiently. Their Maiesties and Ambassadors went to an other Hall, most richly and magnificently hung with rich Tapistrie, where for the collation, a most rare, sumptuous, and Prince like Desart was prepared, which being ended, after taking leaur and goodnights, they departed about three of the clock in the morning, to their nights rest.

The dayes ensuing, so long as lessur might serue, was bestowed by the Ambasiadous in banketting of Noblemen and Gentlemen of their acquaintance, and the King in the mean time was solicite and carefull of honograble and magnishe rewards, to be belowed on either of them, which was also Princely performed, to their great con-

tentments.

And as they were come to Fdinburgh, they were all banketted at sometime, severally, and at other times together, by divers Noblemen of Scotland with great honour: Last of all, one Ambassadour banketted an other, for commemoration of that ioysull meeting and good successe.

Then the King and Queenes Maiesties came to Edenburgh, where they were inuited by the Ambassadours of Denmarke, vnto a Banket within their Ship, which lay at Anchor in the River of Forth: She was so great, that she could not en-

ter the Harborow.

The Banket was very sumptuous, and the Ambassadours so ioyous of their sinall dispatch, behaued themselues to their Maiesties on a kindly manner, according to the ordinary custome of their

their countrey, by propining of drink vnto them in the name of their Princes, which was louingly accepted and required: In commemoration whereof, the whole Artillery of that great Vessel were shot in great number.

The three great Ships of the Estates, lying in the same Road neare by, made correspondence and resonance to the number of six score great

thot; and thus concluded their Bein ale.

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y of ir Then the Castle of Edenburgh, for performance of the Kingshonour, as they perceived the ships to lose, and to hoise up saile: The Captain of the Castle saluted every Ship, as they shewed themselves in readines by order, with a number of great Cannon shot. And so I conclude.

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